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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on March 10, 2005, **OLIVER M. DOTTS**, age 31, of Centreville, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in East St. Louis for assaulting a federal officer. **DOTTS** was sentenced to 48 months' imprisonment, 3 years' supervised release, fined \$100, and ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment.

DOTTS pled guilty on October 8, 2004. At the time of the guilty plea, the parties stipulated that, on March 26, 2004, **DOTTS** surrendered to the United States Marshal's Service in East St. Louis on a state warrant. While **DOTTS** was being processed, he struck a Deputy United States Marshal on the back and neck at least two times. **DOTTS** was thereafter charged with assaulting a federal officer.

The United States Marshal's Service conducted the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Angela Scott handled the case.